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APPROVAL UNDER FORESTS ACT,1980
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Government of Gujarat and granted approval under Forests Act, 1980 during the last two years;

(b) the reasons for delay in granting approval to pending proposals; and

(c) the time by which all proposals received during the last two years would be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMONARAINMEENA)

(a) 110 proposals received from Government of Gujarat have been granted in principle approval timely under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during the last two years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 13 proposals are under process. Such proposals are examined according to the procedure prescribed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003, and the guidelines issued from time to time thereunder. The whole examination and the decision on the proposals is a continuous process, for which Central Government has prescribed a time limit of 60 days for itself for processing and taking decision on the complete proposal, under the rules.